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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION, \$400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman: A. F. McLEWIS, Esq.
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Shanghai: H. W. KESWICK, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BRANCH DISCOUNTS.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year.
- Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of friends, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- Persons desirous of saving sums less than a ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is filled in and with ten cent stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Current containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent and the production of this Pass-Book are necessary.
- All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

With reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st May, 1884.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July 1884, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)
LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, Ltd.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months, notice 5 per cent. per annum.
At 6 months, notice 4 per cent. per annum.
At 12 months, notice 3 per cent. per annum.
Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Intimations.

NOTICE.
AN Extraordinary General Meeting of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB is hereby convened to take place at the Club House on THURSDAY, the 6th November next, at 4 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of confirming the Resolutions passed at the Meeting of Members held on the 23rd Instant. Copies of the Resolutions are posted in the Hall of the Club.
By Order of the General Committee,
EDWARD BEATT, Secretary.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1797

TAKOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SARACEN'S HEAD LIGHT EXHIBITION NOT TO BE DEPENDENT UPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT on SARACEN'S HEAD was extinguished on the night of the 17th October, by the Military Commandant of Takow, and its further exhibition cannot be depended upon.
J. NIELSON, Acting Harbour Master.
Approved: H. F. MERRICK, Assistant-Chief.
Custom House, Takow, 18th October, 1884. 1790

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated, and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied Table d'Hôte is always provided and served in the spacious and airy Dining Hall. The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.
Messrs. DORABEE and HING KEE, Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN on the 1st March.

THE whole of the ROOMS have been newly furnished throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either Married Couples or Single Persons. The TABLE will be supplied with the BEST WINE and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS. Gentlemen desirous of taking Meals, such as BREAKFAST and DINNER, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to:
GEOFFREY STAINFIELD, Proprietor.
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 568

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, who will be given in Exchange a certificate of the value of the Notes (if any).
Holders of Notes will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, Number and Amount of each Note presented.
Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the Oriental Bank Corporation, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
For the Official Liquidator of the Oriental Bank Corporation,
J. MELVILLE MATSON, Esq.
B. HOWARD TAYLOR, Esq.
Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1255

For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s OUTFITTING AND HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

UNDERSHIRTS and PANTS in Scotch Wool, CASHMERE, White and Fancy MERINOS, BALBRIGGAN and SILK. HALF HOSE in WOOL, CASHMERE and MERINO; Fancy SILK SOCKS for Evening Wear. SHIRTS and COLLARS in all the newest styles. GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES in Kid, CAPE and CHEVRETTIE for Morning and Evening Wear. SCARFS and CRAVATS in the most Fashionable Shapes and Colours.

Also, HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES, UMBRELLAS, BELTS, DRESSING GOWNS, BOOTS, SHOES and HATS, in great variety.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, October 22, 1884. 1783

JUST LANDED, IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

ANOTHER CONSIGNMENT OF OVERSTRUNG TRICHORD COTTAGE PIANOS.

By ROSENKRANZ. Specially manufactured for this climate. COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE. Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone. FINEST TOUCH.

Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250. On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20. Special attention is called to the fact that after having hired a Piano for 14 months, it will become without further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.
Apply to: Prof. A. VITA, 2, Alexandra Terrace.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1738

W. POWELL & Co.

Coloured Silks, Satins and Velvets, in Children's Jersey Suits, Ladies' Jersey JACKETS. The most fashionable styles in Ladies' Silk, Brocade and Cloth. Mantles and Jackets. Black and Coloured 6-Buttoned Kid Gloves. Ladies' Silk UMBRELLAS. Gentlemen's UMBRELLAS and Walking Sticks. MAINTENANCE COATS. Boys' and Gentlemen's Black Felt HATS. PICNIC FLANNELS and SHIRTINGS. WATERPROOF SUITINGS, SHIRTINGS, &c., &c. Hongkong, October 15, 1884. 1747

SAYLE & Co.

WILL CONTINUE SELLING BY Public Auction,

ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, THE 21ST, 23RD AND 25TH, RESPECTIVELY, AT THE VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M. EACH DAY, THE BALANCE OF THEIR OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT, comprising: HATS, SCARVES, SHIRTS, VESTS, &c., &c., &c.

Also, a few Lots of BOOKS, NOTEPAPER, and ENVELOPES.

SAYLE & Co.
Hongkong, October 20, 1884. 1769

Intimations.

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEARING, PAINTING, &c., of Vessels. The Engine Works in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced EXPERTS and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY.
HOLME, RINGEE & Co., Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

CANCELLING previous Notices, the Company now propose COLLECTING and DELIVERING CLOTHING, &c., ONCE A WEEK as follows:—On and after MONDAY, the 30th Instant, COLLECTION will be made from No. 1 for WESTERN DISTRICT on MONDAY; From the UPPER LEVELS of No. 2 or CENTRAL DISTRICT on TUESDAY; From the LOWER LEVELS of No. 2 or CENTRAL DISTRICT on WEDNESDAY; And from No. 3 or EASTERN DISTRICT on THURSDAY. DELIVERIES in each District will be made in the corresponding days in the succeeding week.
ALEX. BAIN, Manager.
Hongkong, October 13, 1884. 1740

Intimations.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Half-Yearly Report and Accounts to the 30th June last. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Court of Directors, J. KENNARD DAVIS, Secretary.
Shanghai, 12th October, 1884. 1770

TREASURY NOTICE.

THE Public are CAUTIONED against taking COUNTERFEIT TEN CENT PIECES, of which there are a large number in circulation. They would appear to be imitations of the issue of 1883.

PUBLIC GARDENS, HONGKONG.

(By Permission.) GRAND BAZAAR, FANCY FAIR, AND EVENING FETE, in aid of the Funds for the Purchase of a New ORGAN for St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, will be held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 29th and 30th Instant, AFTERNOONS, 3.30 to 6 O'CLOCK. EVENINGS, from 8 O'CLOCK.

USEFUL, ORNAMENTAL AND ARTISTIC STALL, REFRESHMENT STALL, FLOWER STALL, and Variety of Exhibitions and Entertainments. The Band of 'The Buffs,' by kind permission of Col. GRAYES and the Officers of the Regiment, will play each Afternoon.

Admission: Wednesday Afternoon 50 cts.; Evening 50 cts. Thursday Afternoon 25 cts.; Evening 25 cts. By Tickets, to be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Mr. W. BREWER.

Children, Soldiers, Sailors, Police Constables, 10 cents, payable at the Entrance Gate, nearest College Gardens.

Committee: Capt. Davis, R.N. Capt. Somerset, 'The Buffs.' Chas. Ford, Esq. J. Orange, Esq. S. G. Bird, Esq. C. F. A. Sangster, Esq. E. D. Dear, Esq. J. Whittall, Esq.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Hon. THOMAS JACKSON. Honorary Assistant Secretary, H. M. THOMSETT, Esq.

Further Particulars will be announced. Hongkong, October 20, 1884. 1771

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second BONUS of Two and a Half per cent. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS per Share for the year 1883, will be Payable on THURSDAY, the 23rd Instant. WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary.
Hongkong, October 22, 1884. 1764

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of October instant. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, Limited, Hongkong, October 9, 1884. 1710

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co. MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON EXTRACTED WATERS.

Have Removed from the BACONFIELD ARCADE to larger Premises 1, DUNDRELL STREET, Where they continue to Supply: Soda Water, Lemonade, Gingerade, Raspberryade, &c., &c., &c. At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH, Proprietor.
Hongkong, July 25, 1884. 1248

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of October, 1884, at 2 p.m., THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FIXTURES AND GOODWILL, of the well-known Dispensary, called the 'FRENCH DISPENSARY,' ESTABLISHED IN 1850, in Pottinger Street, No. 3, opposite the 'Victoria Hotel.'

The above will be Sold in One Lot. J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, October 21, 1884. 1730

To Let.

GODOWN-STO LET.

FRATA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to: SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 707

TO LET.

No. 258, PRAYA CENTRAL. Nos. 2 and 4, PRAYER TERRACE. Nos. 3 and 4, PRAYER'S HILL. Apply to: DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, October 2, 1884. 1664

TO LET.

Nos. 1 and 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, Bonham Road. The 'NOVITY STORE' (next to KELLY & WALSH'S). The PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs. SAYLE & Co. ('VICTORIA EXCHANGE') in Queen's Road, with Dwelling-house above and Godown on Ground-floor. To be let either in conjunction with Store or separately. Possession from 1st November next. Apply to: H. A. WOOLNOUTH, Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, October 11, 1884. 1731

TO LET.

GREENMOUNT, BONHAM ROAD; from the 1st of September, 1884. Apply to: GHILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1884. 1204

Shipping.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer 'Kong Beng,' Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 26th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, October 23, 1884. 1736

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HONGKONG. The Co.'s Steamship 'Douglas,' Capt. GORDON, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1802

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW. The Co.'s Steamship 'Douglas,' Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1801

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUET, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.) The Co.'s Steamship 'Metz,' Capt. R. RAGGIO, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to: MELOHRS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 23, 1884. 1739

FOR TIENSHIN.

The Steamship 'Chia-fong,' Captain WILSON, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 23, 1884. 1732

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The S/S L. I. American Ship 'Lafayette,' J. Moran, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to: RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 18, 1884. 1553

FOR NEW YORK. The S/S L. I. American Ship 'Sunderland,' J. Moran, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to: RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 10, 1884. 1723

Shipping.

Steamers.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND SINGAPORE. The Co.'s Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 21, 1884. 1770

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th Instant. This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1884. 1697

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship 'Akonawa,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 21, 1884. 1770

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship 'Tiverton,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on the 26th Instant; will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1796

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE, VIA FOOSHOW.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA, and FIJI.) The Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 20, 1884. 1773

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENSHIN, NEW CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.) The Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 22, 1884. 1781

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c., and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND. Through Passage Tickets granted to PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA.

The Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1793

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship 'Glenfruin,' Captain BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 12th of November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to: JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 22, 1884. 1782

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while Admiral Courbet was endeavouring to occupy Tamsui with a small

the report showed, the insufficiency of the force with which the Admiral endeavoured to effect the occupation of 2 Tamsui; the fact that no effort has since been made to repeat the operation, and the limited area occupied by the French at Keelung, all prove that Admiral

To obtain the complete control of Northern Formosa, Admiral Courbet will probably require reinforcement of two or three battleships. If the occupation of the whole of the Formosa peninsula contemplated, then the French will require altogether three or four ten thousand ton. But even so these troops to be obtained? They certainly cannot be spared from Tonkin while heavy Chinese armies are concentrated on the frontier; they do not appear to be coming out from France. If then Formosa is to be blockaded until considerable reinforcements can reach Admiral Courbet, or until the greater part of the island is brought under French control, we can see no prospect of the Formosan trade being reopened until the Spring.

one or more members of a hostile clan, will take the community somewhat by surprise. It was generally expected that the men who have been handed over to the Chinese authorities would

have been set free would be repaid if we may be allowed to use a convenient word which is not in the dictionary. The offence of the two men who have been given up, and possibly decapitated by this time, was clearly of a political nature. They were villagers driven into rebellion by excessive taxation, and as rebels they attacked a body of two hundred soldiers, and

was clearly shown by the evidence taken at the police-court here and by the letters of our correspondents who visited the district at the time. The evidence against the eleven men was

736 and their rendition, or not. But in regard to the two Wei-chau men, they deserved protection, as political offenders more than Communists, and others, who engage in wholesale slaughter out of pure devilment, and yet find shelter un-

tortion and the raceability of Chinese officials. Unfortunately they had no one to plead their cause here. There were lawyers engaged to obtain their rendition, and these intensely ignorant Chi-

The eleven men who on the other hand have been discharged were, or profess to be, Roman Catholic converts, and the priests, from Bishop Raimondi downwards, were turning every stone to prove

directed, in both cases, by instruction from home. Every one knows, however, that the decision of a distant court of appeal must depend very much on the way in which a case is presented. The way that appeal might be presented

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Affairs at Tamsui.

SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO
'CHINA MAIL'

Per Great Northern Telegraph Cable Line

The steamer *Pokich* was sent from here to Tamsui on the 23rd instant. She was stopped at that port by the French, who refused to allow her to drop

She returned to Amoy and reached here at six o'clock this morning. The blockade of Formosa is complete.

TELEGRAMS.

London, Oct. 23.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament was opened to-day by Ro-

uncertainty and the want of information which exist as to the state of affairs in Sudan, and applauds the energy, courage and resource displayed by General Gordon

The Speech expresses regret at the state of affairs on the Transvaal frontier, where

The introduction of a Bill for the extension of the franchise is announced, and

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.
The House of Lords voted the address
reply to the Speech from the Throne, after
a short debate.

Major General Scratchley has been appointed High Commissioner for New Guinea.

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thousand two hundred troops. The settle-

and I hear that the natives in the City are quiet and re-commencing business. The large and most destructive fire broke out in the City on Friday, the 15th instant, when over two hundred and fifty houses were destroyed. The origin of the conflagration is not known.

Our first Athletic Sports began yesterday and will finish this afternoon, after which the mail has closed. The weather is all that could be desired, and the sports yesterday proved a great success and were largely attended by the community. The natives also attend in large numbers, and at the juncture I cannot help commending

the rough treatment they receive at the hands of youthful foreigners upon such occasions. The latter, knowing themselves to be well protected *yo ten*, take a mean advantage by assaulting the unfortunate wretches if they happen, through ignorance to intrude where foreigners are alone allowed to tread. There is a method of controlling the natives of Foochow without incessantly probing them in the ribs with sticks, which is anything but a pleasant sensation. Rather than resort to this course if it could be, perhaps, better not to give them license to enter the grounds at all when any amusement is going on.

The first event set down upon the programme was a quarter mile race, which was run in two heats. Mr. Lamont rather easily secured this race, whilst Mr. P. T. Smith ran well into second place. The second event was the high jump, in which there were eight entries. Mr. Coe secured this, only touching the tape once throughout the trials, and taking his jump neatly and without exertion. The third event—putting the shot—was won with little difficulty by Mr. Featherstonhaugh, who appears to have Herculean strength, as could, I believe, upon the present occasion have covered a few more inches if required. There proved to be no takers for the

There were twenty six entries for the same race (100 yards), but only a few competitors put in an appearance. The piggy back race (100 yards) was won with ease by Mr Tillard who carried the lightest weight in the settlement, and appeared to 'bolt' with his rider. The obstacle race was certainly novel, and excited an immense amount of amusement. The first obstacle was a mesh of rope, over which the competitors had to pass. The next difficulty was a wide expanse of canvas pinned to the ground so tightly as to render it almost impossible to scramble under. The great obstacle of all, however, was having to pass through endless thin spring about five

feet from the ground. After a 10-minute "fencing" came the more pleasant task of opening and quaffing a bottle of soda water and after this the run home. The chief event this afternoon will be the tug-of-war between America and an English crew, and from the delicate and graceful appearance of the former there doubt is no question about the result.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

at 4 P. M. - OCTOBER 24.

Station.	Barometer reduced to sea level and corrected for wind	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.	Weather.	Rain during day.
Mandao.	29.92	29.92	57	N.E.	4	4	

Haiphong	30.17.45.00	E	1	c
Hongkong	30.17.45.00	ENE	4	b
Amoy	30.17.48.00	NE	3	b
Focchow	30.19.00.00	E	4	b
Shanghai	30.22.56.30	N	3	c
Nagasaki	30.29.12	NW	3	b
Wlotook	30.35.40	NW	4	c

at 10 A.M. - OCTOBER 25.

Mantao	30.18.48.00	NE	1	c
Haiphong	30.18.48.00	E	1	c
Hongkong	30.18.73.70	E	5	c
Focchow	30.20.70.06	ENE	4	b
Shanghai	30.31.50.06	N	0	of
Nagasaki	30.29	N	2	b
Wlotook	30.01.40.1	NW	4	b

The Barometer and the Temperature at
 facing. Gradients indicate moderate to
 fresh winds. Cloudy weather prevalent.

W. B. RAY

Government Astronomer.
Hanging Observatory, October 25.

1. **BAROMETRA**, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches; tenths and hundredths.

2. **TEMPERATURES**, in the shade in Fahrenheit tenths, Fahrenheit.

3. **HUMIDITY**, in percentage of saturation, humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. **DIRECTION OF WIND**, to two points.

5. **FORCE OF WIND**, according to Beaufort's Scale.

6. **STATE OF SKY**, as blue sky, a blue sky over-
taching clouds, d drifting rain, fog, drizzle,
hail, lightning, overcast, passing shower,
g equally, s rain, s snow, t thunder, v variable,
w dew (wet).

7. **RAIN**, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Quotations.	
HONGKONG, October 27.	
OPIUM —New Patts, cash.....	\$75/80
" Old Bennes, cash.....	\$65/67
" Old Bennes, cash.....	\$60/62½
" Old	
" New Malva, credit.....	\$20
Allowance, Teals.....	\$8/24
Old Malva, credit.....	\$50
Allowance, Teals.....	\$2/42
Exchange.	
Bank Wire	\$7½
Demand.....	9/8
30 days sight.....	8/8
4 month sight.....	8/4
Cable.....	8/8
Documents & month sight.....	8/8
India Wire.....	22½
demand.....	26¼
Shanghai demand.....	7½

30 day rates, private	
Gold Leaf 296 fine	837.60
Sovereigns	8.53

Temperature.

*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises
(Queen's Road).*

HONGKONG, October 25

Thermometer—9 A.M.	74
Do 1 P.M.	75
Do 4 P.M.	76
Do (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	67
Do Do 1 P.M.	74
Do Maximum	87
Do Minimum	75
Do Minimum over night	74

The image is a high-contrast, black and white scan. The top half is a light gray area with a dense, grainy texture, possibly representing a sky or a textured surface. The bottom half is a solid black area, representing a dark surface or ground. A sharp horizontal line separates the two regions. There are several small, dark specks and artifacts scattered across the light gray area, likely due to the scanning process or the original image's texture.

